

December 7, 2004

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky and Mayor Walker.

Absent: Councilmember Mauno.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows
City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17A) Conference with Labor Negotiator and 17B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by North High School Army JROTC, Saxon Battalion Color Guard, Cadet Lt. Col. Phillip Cotton commanding..

Councilmember Witkowsky gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Witkowsky reported that the Community Planning and Design Committee held a meeting on December 2 to discuss possible ways to preserve historic homes in Torrance, which was attended by over 200 people, and announced that discussion of this topic will continue at the next Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Walker announced that he received notification from the L.A. County Probation Department that all minors on probation had been removed from the Starview Adolescent Center as of November 29, 2004, and thanked the Torrance Police Department for their assistance in resolving this matter.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Liisi Mauno, mother of Councilman Mike Mauno, who passed away December 4, 2004, and expressed condolences to Mr. Mauno and his family.

In a brief presentation, Major Gibson, on behalf of the North High School JROTC, thanked the Mayor and Council for the donation of the 12-passenger van.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-151 RE POLICE SERGEANT MICHAEL TERRY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE SERGEANT
MICHAEL WILLIAM TERRY UPON HIS RETIREMENT
AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-151. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

Mayor Walker presented the resolution to Sergeant Terry, who accepted with appreciation.

6B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-152 RE CITY LIBRARIAN JAMES BUCKLEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING CITY LIBRARIAN
JAMES WHITNEY BUCKLEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT
AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-152. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

For adoption only, to be presented at a later date.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-153 RE STREET MAINTENANCE LEADER RICHARD GASSET

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING STREET MAINTENANCE LEADER RICHARD ORTEGA GASSET UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-153. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

For adoption only, to be presented at a later date.

6D. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-154 RE POLICE OFFICER JAVIER MORIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER JAVIER FERNANDO MORIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-154. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

Mayor Walker presented the resolution to Officer Terry, who accepted with appreciation.

6E. PROCLAMATION RE “OPERATION TEDDY BEAR DAY”

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to DeDe Hicks and Jean Adelsman declaring December 9, 2004 as ***Operation Teddy Bear Day*** in the City of Torrance, commending and expressing sincere appreciation to the Volunteer Center for its outstanding contribution to the youth of our community.

Ms. Hicks noted that the Volunteer Center, through Operation Teddy Bear, donates 5,000 backpacks filled with toys, educational items, and a teddy bear to disadvantaged first graders each year.

6F. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Exxon Mobil Corporation to be used for Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) program.

Charlie Watson accepted the donation from Exxon Mobil representative John Sakers, Refinery Safety Group Leader.

Noting that she is a graduate of the CERT program, which offers training for residents so they can provide assistance in the event of an emergency, Councilmember Witkowsky thanked Exxon Mobil Corporation for supporting this important program.

6G. 2004 ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE VIDEO

Councilmember Scotto, Chair of the Armed Forces Day Parade Committee, shared a video created by the Police Department of the 2004 Armed Forces Day Parade for viewing by representatives of the various branches of the military at the Pentagon prior to a planning session for the 2005 Armed Forces Day Parade. He noted that the presentation was very well received and thanked the Police Department for their efforts.

Police Captain Neu introduced the video and thanked Lieutenant Dave Smith and Detective Jim Wallace for creating the DVD. He noted that Torrance's Armed Forces Day Parade is one of only six military parades sponsored by the Department of Defense.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. CONTRACT WITH MAIN STREET TOURS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN EXCURSIONS JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2005

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve contracts with Main Street Tours in the amount of \$26,180 and with American Travel Club/Tours in the amount of \$28,368, for a total amount not to exceed \$54,548, for Senior Citizens Program excursions planned for the months of January through June, 2005.

7B. CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH TAMANG ELECTRIC RE GENERATOR REPLACEMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council extend the contract term with Tamang Electric (C2004-170) from January 30, 2005 to June 30, 2005 for the replacement of generators at Fire Station #5, West Annex, and Civic Center Library.

7C. CONTRACT WITH TEKTON CORPORATION RE HUMAN RESOURCES TESTING AND TRAINING ROOM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Tekton Corporation for \$64,800 with a contingency of \$2,452 for the Human Resources Testing and Training Room (FEAP #304) (B2004-39);
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$6,480; and
- 3) Appropriate \$23,500 from the Department Reorganization FEAP #398.

7D. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE PAPER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize purchase orders to Spicers Paper, Santa Fe Springs, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$85,200 and to Unisource, LaPalma, CA in an amount not to exceed \$26,400 for the purchase of miscellaneous office paper. (B2004-45) The term will be for a period of one (1) year, beginning December 17, 2004 and ending December 16, 2005.

Considered separately, see page 5.

7E. CONTRACT WITH TEKTON CORPORATION RE KEN MILLER RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Tekton Corporation for \$368,800 with a 5% contingency of \$18,440 for the Ken Miller Recreation Center Renovation (B2004-43);
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$36,880 and \$5,000 in professional services; and
- 3) Appropriate \$91,012.86 from the Cultural Arts Center Enterprise Fund.

7F. CONSIDERATION OF 2005 COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council consider the following Tuesdays as City Council dark nights for the first six months in 2005: January 4, January 18, February 22, March 29, and May 31.

7G. REIMBURSEMENT OF PLAN CHECK FEES RE GOLDEN WEST TOWERS REHABILITATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council appropriate \$27,508 from the Energy Reserve Fund to reimburse the Building and Safety Department for plan check fees assessed to Affordable Housing Access Inc. (AHA) owner of Golden West Towers for seismic and life safety upgrades.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7G, with the exception of 7D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

Consent Calendar Item 7D was considered at this time.

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Councilmember Lieu commended the City Manager for his commitment to reduce paper use by 20% this year; questioned how much of the paper purchased will be recycled paper; and suggested that the City adopt a formal policy to purchase recycled paper whenever possible.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that approximately 90% of the paper purchased will be recycled paper.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2004 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** that City Council adopt Resolution No. 2004-155 declaring the results of the Special Municipal Election consolidated with the General Election held in the City of Torrance on November 2, 2004, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City a proposed Charter amendment.

City Clerk Herbers reported that Measure T was approved by a vote of 35,830 to 17,589 and as a result, the date of the City's general municipal election will be changed to coincide with the statewide direct primary election in even numbered years. She noted that all registered voters in Torrance will be notified by first class mail that the terms of office for all elected officials currently in office will be extended by approximately 3 months.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE RECITING THE FACT OF THE SPECIAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004,
DECLARING THE RESULT AND OTHER SUCH MATTERS
AS PROVIDED BY LAW

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-155. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

11B. RENOVATION OF SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AND THE CITY YARD AND CONSOLIDATION OF POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCH CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** to appropriate \$1,010,000 for the renovation of the City Hall 2^d Floor, \$307,000 for the City Yard renovations, and \$275,500 for the consolidation of the Fire and Police communications dispatch center.

Finance Director Tsao noted supplemental material available at the meeting, which explains that the appropriation required for the renovation of City Hall 2nd Floor is \$600,278 instead of \$1,010,000 as listed on the agenda because \$409,722 has already been allocated for this project (FEAP #398).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:41 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted for appointment to various City commissions and invited those interested to contact the City Clerk's office at 618-2870. She noted that citizens are welcome to attend any commission meeting for a flavor of the work done by volunteers, with information and a meeting calendar available on the City's website.

16B. City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Marlene Delugish on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of December.

16C. Councilmember Lieu expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family.

16D. Councilmember Lieu reported that he attended the swearing in of Assemblyman Mike Gordon and looks forward to working with him in the future.

16E. Councilmember Lieu wished Hope and Mike Witkowsky a happy anniversary.

16F. Councilmember Lieu wished everyone a happy Hanukkah.

16G. Councilmember McIntyre echoed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family, stating that Liisi Mauno was a formidable woman with many talents who will be sincerely missed.

16H. Councilmember McIntyre reported that she attended the Nutcracker Ballet presented by the South Bay Ballet at the James Armstrong Theatre and thought it was extraordinary and encouraged attendance at the remaining performances.

16I. Councilmember Nowatka echoed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family.

16J. Councilmember Nowatka extended condolences to the family of Leo Siegal, the father of former Police Captain Harvey Siegal and a longtime Torrance resident.

16K. Councilmember Nowatka noted that today marks the 63rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and called for a brief moment of remembrance for those who died in the attack.

16L. Councilmember Nowatka extended Hanukkah greetings.

16M. Councilmember Scotto expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and his family.

16N. Councilmember Witkowski echoed condolences to Councilman Mauno and his family.

16O. Councilmember Witkowski announced a lighting of the Menorah on the last day of Hanukkah, December 14, in front of City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

16P. Councilmember Witkowski reported that residents near El Camino College in the vicinity of Wilkie, 162nd and 163rd streets have expressed concerns that the permit parking recently implemented on nearby streets will shift parking problems to their area. Police Chief Herren stated that parking enforcement officers will be directed to monitor the situation and staff will bring forward a recommendation to implement permit parking in this area if the need arises.

16Q. Mayor Walker expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family.

16R. City Clerk Herbers encouraged everyone to attend a performance of holiday music by the Torrance Civic Chorale at the James Armstrong Theatre.

16S. Maureen O'Donnell reported that at the November 9, 2004 City Council meeting, David Henseler made a sexual gesture in full view of the audience and requested that the Council refer this matter to the Police Department and the City Attorney for investigation and appropriate action.

Norma Nance reported that she was present at the November 9 meeting and saw Mr. Henseler make such a gesture and expressed the hope that appropriate action would be taken.

16T. Alan Lee, TME-AFSCME, Local 1117, expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and his family.

16U. Mr. Lee thanked Assistant City Manager Giordano for devising a very fair remedy in a complex personnel matter.

16V. Mr. Lee noted that his organization has expressed concerns about the adequacy of the City's insurance program for employees, including long-term/short-term disability and life insurance benefits, and that he invited a representative of Jefferson Pilot Financial to make a presentation on an alternative insurance program that would provide enhanced benefits with no increase in cost. He stated that he also invited a representative from ING to provide a brief overview of an enhanced deferred compensation plan.

Darryl Freni, Jefferson Pilot Financial, provided a summary of written material distributed to the Council comparing the City's current insurance program with a proposed program from his company.

Gavin Gruenberg, ING, reviewed written material distributed to the Council on an enhanced deferred compensation plan for City employees and provided background information about his company's ratings and experience in this field.

Mayor Walker commented on Mr. Lee's creative method of subjecting the Council to an insurance presentation and directed staff to follow through with the Council's recommendation given in executive session.

16W. Mayor Walker asked for the concurrence of Council to go forward with Ms. O'Donnell's request.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in Memory of
Liisi Mauno***

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 1, 2005